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RE: Endangered Species Act Section 7 Supplemental Biological Opinion on the Operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System Including the Smolt Monitoring Program and Juvenile Fish Transportation Program: A Supplement to the Biological Opinion Signed on March 2, 1995, For the Same Projects [Consultation Number 1005]

Dear Messrs. Robertson, Griffin, and Keys:

Enclosed is the supplemental biological opinion prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act on operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to the listing of three steelhead species.

As stated in the biological opinion, NMFS has determined that the proposed activity is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened steelhead species.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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Enclosure

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